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### *Current Translations from the Iraqi Press*

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### *Az-Zaman*

As the negotiations for establishing some sort of a government continue, Iraqis lived the third anniversary of the invasion "with apathy," according to an article by the London-based Iraqi paper, *Az-Zaman*. The paper quotes a press release issued by Association of Muslim Scholars, a group of politico-religious fanatics close to the insurgency, as saying, "Everyone should note that the American project in Iraq has failed. We call not only for the scheduling of withdrawal of occupation forces, but also for paying all obligations based on the invasion."

The paper also quoted another release issued by the Islamic Party, a front for the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq, as saying, "The forces of occupation have failed to put a stop to oppression; indeed, the single oppressor has proliferated to become many oppressors."

Hamid Majid Musa, head of the Iraqi Communist Party, told the paper, "unfortunately, the alternative for dictatorship [in Iraq] has not been established after the passing of three years since the past regime was overthrown."

### *Al-Adala*

*Al-Adala*, a paper close to the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), quoted Iraqi Interior Minister Baqir Jabr as saying that the call for a dialogue between Iran and the United States "is not new," adding that "it was initiated four months ago and that he was part of the talks."

### *Al-Mu'tamar*

*Al-Mu'tamar*, a paper close to Ahmad Chalabi, ran an article on the catastrophic conditions of al-Husayniyya, an outskirt of Baghdad, which lives a Katrina-like life for a long time now.

### *al-Iraqiyya*

The official TV station, *al-Iraqiyya*, reported on this poor place a while ago, but there seems to be no response to the coverage of such tragedies. The reporter points out that "reed and other plants have dominated the area where stagnant water turned the entire place to a marsh."

Services, or the lack thereof, can be the deal-breaker for most Iraqis who are mad that after three years their living conditions are going from bad to worse.

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